

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
MEETING MINUTES
Date – July 14, 2010
Time - 7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Chris Ndifon | Hiede Holmes | Larry Moormeier | Jean Spohn |
| Ted Fosberg | Ed Dacy | Sheryl Knowles | |

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Roemer, Parks Development and Operations Manager
Casey Stanley, Recreation Supervisor
Rachel Gilbert, Recreation Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT

None

Ted Fosberg called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 PM.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA & AGENDA REVIEW

None

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the June 9, 2010 meeting were approved 4/0/0.

AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

PRESENTATION

Casey Stanley and Rachel Gilbert provided a presentation on PaRCS rentals.

- ✓ Facility Rentals available include both long term leases at the old community center annex, as well as short term rentals, such as the meeting and activity rooms at the Burien Community Center..
- ✓ Field Rentals occur at the Moshier complex, as well as Manhattan and Chelsea parks.

- Field users include youth groups, such as Highline School District, Pac West Little League, Rips Baseball Club, Highline Lacrosse Club, West Highline Soccer, Burien Bearcats Jr. Football, and Burien Parks and Recreation Classes.
 - Field users also include Adult Organizations, such as Riot/Disc NW (frisbee), Seattle Grizzlies (Australian rules football), South Suburban Softball League, Burien Parks and Recreation Softball League.
 - Field Scheduling Seasons
 - March through August: Baseball, Softball, Lacrosse, Ultimate Frisbee
 - Late August through mid-November: Soccer, Jr. Football, Australian Football
 - Mid-November through February: Field repairs and improvements
 - ✓ Park Rentals by Special Event permitting.
 - These can include Graduation celebrations, Fundraisers and Benefits, Church gatherings, School District field days.
 - ✓ Picnic Shelter rentals and individual table rentals at Seahurst Park
 - ✓ Revenues for all Rentals in 2009 totaled \$94,550, an increase of 26% from 2008.
- Parks Board and staff discussed as an overview, what informal recreational activities the public might desire to participate in within our parks. Our parks inventory presents a lot of open recreational space that may not be viewed by the public as available for many common uses. The parks can serve as an extension to our neighbor's yards, where they can set up a quick game of croquet, badminton or other "informal" forms of recreation. In addition, there may be other opportunities for minor development, such as labeling trail distances or installing par coarse type improvements, which could support current park uses. This item will be further discussed at future Board meetings.
- Steve Roemer provided an update on the Parks capital projects and operations.
 - ✓ Seahurst activities include ongoing 35% design work with the USACE for the north shore restoration. Staff has submitted grant applications to the Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) for LWCF and WWRP funds totaling \$1,000,000 for the recreational improvements to the park following the USACE phase of work.
 - ✓ For Puget Sound Park, a Community Development Block Grant has been applied for to renovate the existing playground and adjacent picnic facilities.
 - ✓ A King Conservation District grant has been applied for to do trail installation and vegetation restoration work at Salmon Creek Ravine, Seahurst and Eagle landing parks.
 - ✓ Monitoring contracts for Seahurst related to benthic macroinvertebrates and beach profiles have been amended to perform studies along the northern shoreline prior to the restoration project.
 - ✓ A Community Garden Board has formed to assist with garden communications and day to day managing of the garden.

- ✓ The Washington State Department of Ecology will be performing arsenic soils testing throughout parks in King County, including Burien. This is to evaluate the impacts of the Tacoma Smelter Plume to soils in the region and to identify future cleanup activities recommended.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR QUESTIONS

- Community Garden topics, as necessary.
- Parks Capital projects and operations updates
- 2011-2012 Capital and Operating Budgets
- Additional discussion on informal recreation opportunities in parks.
- Update from volunteer coordinator on volunteer activities within the parks.
- Recreation program updates
- Impact of annexation on recreation staff.
- Potential for future dog park.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- The Strawberry festival was again successful, despite the weather, and the Board extends its thanks to staff for all the work involved.
- Steve Roemer requested that a Board member consider assuming the duties of minute taking for Board meetings.
- Suggestion that a volunteer might be interested in adopting a garden bed or other landscaped area within our parks to specifically try to beautify or highlight an entry area or highly visible space.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Roemer, Parks Manager, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services